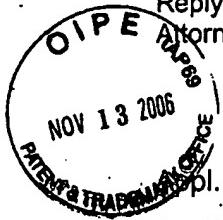


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In response to the final Office Action of June 13, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks, along with a two-month Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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